

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF EDUCATION FOR SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to extend financial assistance to various States for promotion of education among backward caste students as it is being done in the case of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe students;
- (b) if so, whether any demand has been made by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) : Financial assistance is given by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to various States/UTs for promotion of education among backward class students under the following schemes:-

- (i) Post-matric Scholarships for OBC Students;
- (ii) Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC Students;
- (iii) Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls;
- (iv) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Welfare of OBCs; and
- (v) Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs.

(b) & (c) : During 1998-99 under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Post-matric Scholarships for OBC Students, Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC students and Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls Rs. 149.00 lakhs, Rs. 64.00 lakhs and Rs. 10.00 lakhs respectively were released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh. No further proposals have been received from the State Government during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (Till 16.08.2001).